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AFFAIRS - MINIC ON NON-ALIGNMENT

1. AS YOU WILL BE SEEING MINIC LATER THIS WEEK, WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE INTERESTING FOR YOU TO HAVE KEY POINTS FROM HIS MOST RECENT REMARKS ON NON-ALIGNMENT AND THE U.S. RELATIONSHIP THERETO. IN LENGTHY SPEECH TO LCY CENTRAL COMMITTEE PRESIDUM JUL 14 MINIC ASSESSED STATE OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT ON EVE OF COLOMBO.

2. WHILE TO SOME EXTENT BALANCING REPEATED CONDEMNATIONS OF IMPERIALISM AND NEO-COLONIALISM WITH DENUNCIATIONS OF HEGEMONISM AND TUTELAGE, MINIC ADDRESSED CURRENT ORIENTATION OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT VIS-A-VIS EXISTING BLOCS IN TERMS PLACING IT DECIDEDLY CLOSER TO SOCIALIST BLOC THAN WEST. AFTER FREELY DISPENSING CRITICISM BOTH TO THOSE NATIONS WHICH CONDITION THEIR SUPPORT FOR NON-ALIGNMENT "EXCLUSIVELY ON ITS ANTI-IMPERIALIST ORIENTATION" AND THOSE WHICH CONCEIVE OF NON-ALIGNMENT AS A BLOC ITSELF IN WHICH IS IMPOSED A

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"TYRANNY OF THE MAJORITY", MINIC OFFERED ASSESSMENT OF

WESTERN VS. EASTERN RESPONSE TO ECONOMIC DEMANDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE STATED THAT THOUGH SOME OF THE PROPOSALS "OF A SMALL NUMBER OF THE ECONOMICALLY MOST POWERFUL CAPITALIST COUNTRIES" MAKE POSSIBLE "A RESUMPTION OF THE DIALOGUE AND NEGOTIATIONS, THEIR STANDS...ARE CALCULATED AND DIRECTED AT PRESERVING THE EXISTING ECONOMIC SYSTEM BASED ON INEQUALITY AND EXPLOITATION WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO AN EVER BROADENING GAP BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES". IN SAME CONTEXT HE LAUDS POLITICAL SUPPORT EXTENDED TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE UN BY "SOME DEVELOPED SOCIALIST COUNTRIES". AND, WHILE CHIDING LATTER FOR INSUFFICIENCY OF ECONOMIC SUPPORT (TO LDCS) IN RELATION TO THEIR ECONOMIC STRENGTH, PREDICTS THAT THEIR POSITION IS "PROBABLY PROVISIONAL AND THEY WILL MORE STRONGLY ENGAGE THEMSELVES AS TIME GOIES ON".

--RECOMMEND YOU COMMENT TO MINIC THAT IT APPEARS YUGOSLAVS PREFER NICE WORDS TO CONCRETE PROPOSALS, NOTE THAT DEVELOPED CAPITALIST COUNTRIES NOW HAVE 18:1 RATIO OVER DEVELOPED COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN NET DISPERSAL OF AID AND STATE THAT HIS DOUBLE STANDARD IS ENORMOUSLY COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE IN GENERATING WESTERN WILL TO HELP WITH DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS.

3. THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE BEEN AND REMAIN UNDER CONSIDERABLE SOVIET PRESSURE TO GROUP THE NON-ALIGNED BOTH CONCEPTUALLY AND IN REALITY WITH THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND OTHER PROGRESSIVE FORCES. INDEED, THE YUGOSLAVS AGREED TO LANGUAGE ACKNOWLEDGING SUCH A COMMON ALIGNMENT IN THE BERLIN ECPC DECLARATION. IN HIS LCY SPEECH, MINIC ESSENTIALLY CONCEDED THE ACCURACY OF THE WESTERN VIEW THAT THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IS PRIMARILY "ANTI-IMPERIALIST" IN ORIENTATION, AND ATTEMPTED TO ANSWER SOVIET POSITION THAT IT IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY ANTI-IMPERIALIST BY SAYING ITS PRESENT STANCE SERVES SOCIALISM'S INTERESTS. ARGUING THAT THE SOCIALIST DEVELOPMENT OF THE NONALIGNED, RATHER THAN THEIR ANTI-IMPERIALIST STANCE PER SE, IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE, HE DECLARED THAT "IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF ALL SOCIALIST AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES...TO SUPPORT NON-ALIGNED SOLIDARITY...THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW RELATIONS IN THE WORLD BASED UPON THE PRINCIPLE OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE OPENS THE WAY TO FREE SOCIAL TRANSFORMATIONS IN EVERY COUNTRY."

--RECOMMEND YOU TELL MINIC THAT WE NOTED LANGUAGE OF ECPC DOCUMENT DIVIDING WORLD INTO SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND NON-ALIGNED AGAINST DEVELOPED DEMOCRACIES AND ASK HIM WHAT THIS MEANS FOR FUTURE OF NON-ALIGNMENT.

BELIEVE YOU SHOULD STATE WE AWARE OF SOVIET PRESSURES THAT YUGOSLAVS SHOW "GRATITUDE" AT COLOMBO FOR POSITIVE SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD NON-ALIGNED IN RECENT MONTHS AND THAT U.S. WILL BE WATCHING LANGUAGE OF COLOMBO DOCUMENT CAREFULLY TO SEE JUST HOW NON-ALIGNED THE NON-ALIGNED REALLY ARE.

4. BEARING IN MIND THE YUGOSLAVS' OBSESSION WITH CAUTIONING ALL COMERS TO AVOID INTERFERENCE OF ANY KIND IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS, YOU MAY FIND AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE OUR OBJECTION TO GRATUITOUS YUGOSLAV COMMENTS ON THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES EXEMPLIFIED BY MINIC'S ASSERTION THAT "A STRUGGLE IS TAKING PLACE IN MANY DEVELOPED CAPITALIST COUNTRIES AND FINDS EXPRESSION IN THE INTENSIFIED SOCIAL TURMOIL AND POLARIZATION, THE REGROUPING OF FORCES, THE SOCIAL INSECURITY AND THE INSTABILITY OF GOVERNMENTS WHICH IS ESPECIALLY APPARENT IN EUROPE."

5. FOR THE YUGOSLAVS OF ALL PEOPLE TO LECTURE ABOUT THE INSTABILITY OF OTHER SOCIETIES AND TO PREACH THE NECESSITY OF DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES' TRANSFORMATION TO THEIR KIND OF "STABILITY" SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO PASS.

--RECOMMEND YOU INDICATE THAT IF YUGOSLAVS FIND OUR EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN OVER COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OFFENSIVE, WE FIND THEIR PREACHING ABOUT NEED FOR WEST TO MOVE TOWARD SOCIALISM EQUALLY SO. SILBERMAN

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